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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 2661

Docket No.: 21.1918

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Yoshihiro WATANABE

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Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on December 9, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.